

# Allanson Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**This week:** It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school. They look very smart in their new uniforms. Our new Reception children have settled into their new classes incredibly well and are having an exciting time. We look forward to many new experiences and fabulous opportunities for learning this year.

**Next Week:** We will welcome new children into our Reception and Nursery classes.

**Attendance Matters:** Please remember the importance of good attendance during the school year. The national target for attendance is now 96%. If your child is absent for a total of more than 7 days during the school year then he or she will fall below this target. School staff and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) can offer support if you are struggling to maintain good attendance for your child so please let us know if you have any specific issues. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) are issued if absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' over a period of time. This includes possible fines for holidays taken in school time. This half term our EWO's will be making contact with all parents whose children had attendance below 90% last year as this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we must work towards reducing the numbers of children missing so much school.

**Free PE kits** will be available to collect **next week** for any child who is registered as 'Pupil Premium'. The office has a list of eligible children if you need to check. The free PE kits will be available to collect each morning from The Thompson Centre on the following days:

Tuesday: Y1 Miss Ellis, Y3 Mrs Hawkins and Y5 Miss Halligan

Wednesday: Y1 Miss Williams, Y3 Mr Garry and Y5 Miss Kellett

Thursday: Y2 Mrs McLoughlin, Y4 Mrs Onyett and Y6 Miss Matthews

Friday: Y2 Mrs Boydell, Y4 Mrs Lea/Mr Billinge and Y6 Mrs Dingsdale

The Reception children will be given their kits during class time.

**School App** If you do not yet have the school app installed on your mobile phone please will you do this as soon as possible. We are hoping to reduce our photocopying costs by sending almost all our letters out via the app. You can find the app in the app store if you search 'Allanson Street'. Please speak to the office staff for the password and any other queries you have. Thank you.

## Sports News

Netball club will begin for the girls in Y5 and Y6 on Friday 21st September 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Permission letters will be sent out next week and we look forward to lots of new girls joining us!

We are very fortunate to have been able to buy in a Sports Apprentice this year. He is called Coach Ellis and will start on Monday. He will run sports clubs every day after school as well as dinner time clubs and teaching some curriculum lessons. Well Done to Lucy N in Year 4, who competed in two cheerleading competitions over the summer holidays: In Schoolfest her squad came 1<sup>st</sup> in two teams and in Summer Jam they came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lots of children have been to me with swimming achievements from over the summer too. It is lovely to see the progression these children are making. Well Done to Charlotte S, Emily S and Hayley A who have all achieved Stage 1 and Lucy N, Evie S, Jessica L and Kaiden C who have all achieved Stage 2

### Clubs week beginning 7.9.18 :

Monday - Year 5/6 Girls Football (Ellis)

Tuesday -KS2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Year 5/6 Boys Football (Ellis)

Wednesday - Year3 / 4 Girls Football (Ellis)

Thursday - Year 3 / 4 Boys Football - (Ellis)

Year 1 / 2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

## Polite Reminder

As a new group of Reception children start next week, it is **important that the children from Year 1 to Year 6 come into school on their own** to allow us to reduce the number of adults coming in each morning. We will remind the children about this in assembly on Monday. Please help us to provide a welcoming and safe start for the children each day and say goodbye outside the front door. Thank you for your help with this.

**Celebration Assembly Medal Winners-** Well done to the following children:

**Year 1:** Lexie L, Logan T-K, Lewis P and Archie M-D

**Year 2:** Ruby B, Alfie M, Nicholas B and Isla H

**Year 3:** Joel G, Sadie Mae C, Gracie A and Emma S

**Year 4:** Maisie L, Harrison F, Joe C and Dean S

**Year 5:** Katherine S, Rhys D, Freddie B and Lucie-Lee B

**Year 6:** Marina K, Oliwia G, Joshua G and Mia G

**Young Citizens of the week. KS1:** Tyler T **Lower Juniors:** Justin B

**Upper Juniors:** Keegan T

**On the back of the newsletter are some general safety reminders for the start of the school year.**

*Many thanks*

*Have a good weekend.*

*P Farnell (Headteacher)*